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Notre Dame of Paris (1)

Good morning,

It is time, in order to undertake the explanation of the manufacture of the Philosopher's Stone, to present the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris. I say "present" because few people know that it is one of the high places for the study of the magisterium of philosophers.

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A few numbers for fun:
This magnificent 12th century Gothic building extends over approximately 5,000 m2, enabling it to receive 9,000 worshipers standing, including 1,500 in the stands.
Notre-Dame de Paris, like all cathedrals, is oriented towards the city of Jerusalem.
The height of the towers is 69 meters and you have to climb 180 steps to reach the top.
The spire of the cathedral reaches 96 meters in height.
The total length of the building is 128 meters for a width of about 40 meters.
The diameter of the North and South rosettes is 13 meters. The west rose window has a diameter of about 10 meters.
Finally, the wooden frame is made up of 1,300 oak trees, which represents more than 21 hectares of forest.

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Let us observe the facade: This, as for all cathedrals of this period, has two towers, a central rose window and three entrance portals.

In front of the central rose window is represented **the Virgin Mary and the child Jesus** with two angels:

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Adam and Eve are each represented in front of one of the building's towers. These two statues are not here in their original location. They were initially inside at the foot of the columns on either side of the right and left entrances. It was not until the renovations of the cathedral in the 19th century by Viollet-le-Duc that they were placed in front of the towers on the outside.

That said, the two towers represent the two male and female principles. This seems more obvious with the cathedral of Chartes whose towers are well differentiated. In Chartres at the very top of the spiers of the cathedral there is respectively a **Sun** and a **Moon** to symbolize the masculine and the feminine (In the photograph below we cannot see the sun well but it is possible to distinguish the crescent moon)

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Facade of the Notre-Dame de Chartres cathedral

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"Adam and Eve" by Lucas Cranach - 1526

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Portal of Adam and Eve of the Cathedral of Amiens

Above the three portals of Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral is represented a row of Kings:

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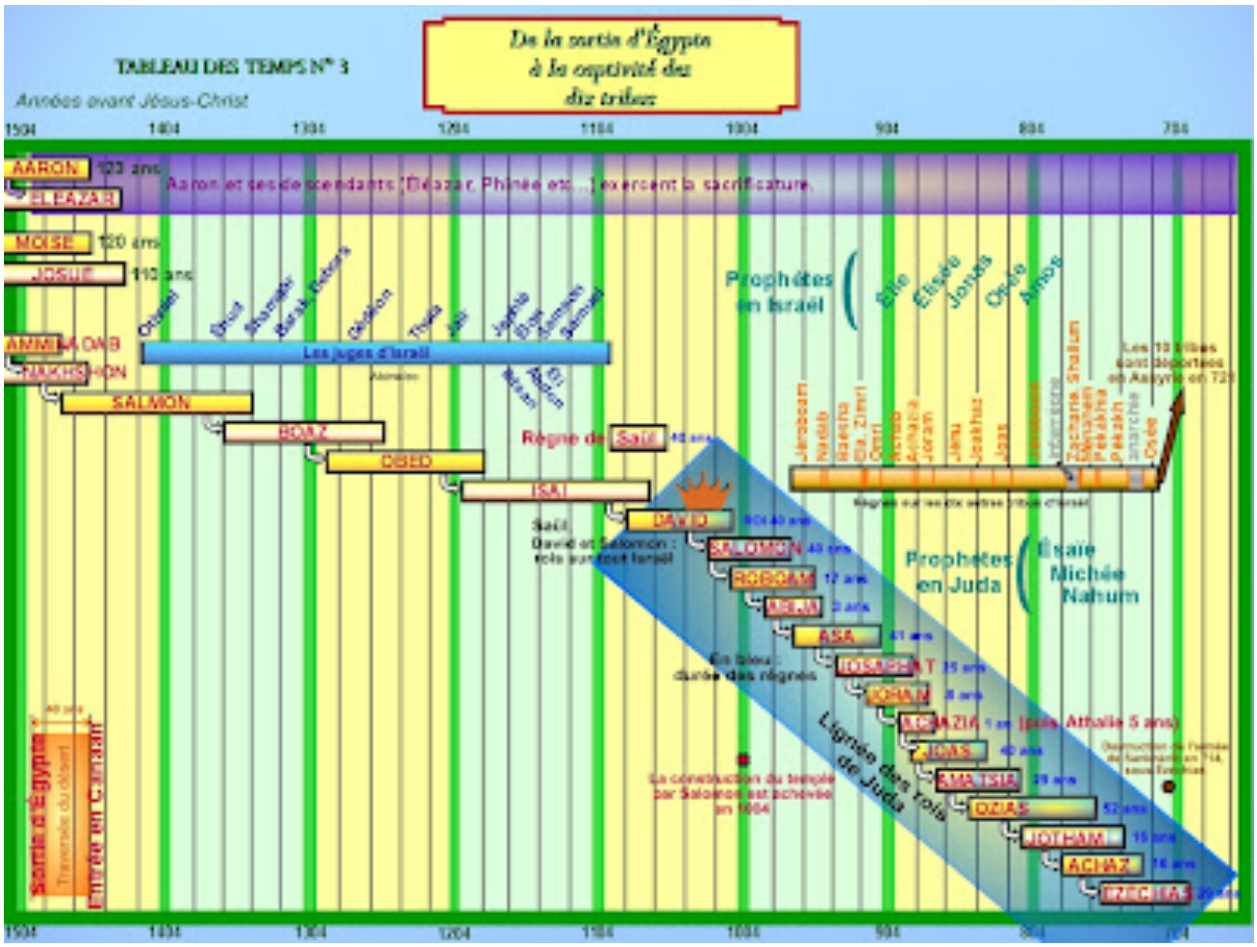
These are the Old Testament **Kings of Judah .** These statues represent the generations of kings, descendants of Jesse who according to the Gospel according to St Matthew are the human ancestors of Mary and Jesus
There are in all 28 Statues of Kings but we can notice:
7 Kings above the right portal
8 Kings above the left portal
9 Kings above the central portal
(The other four Kings are the pilasters or columns engaged between the portals)



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Genealogy of the Kings of Judah

This asymmetrical arrangement of 8, 9 and 7 Kings seems to indicate that if there are three possibilities of entering the enclosure of the building, it is good, if only out of humility, at first to enter through the right portal, then later through the left one and finally through the central portal.
We can also notice that only for special occasions the central portal is open to the public.

But what does it mean **to "enter a cathedral"?** It means entering the temple. Now, what is the temple?
The answer is to be related to the word of Christ when he said"Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Jesus evokes his own body. The temple or the cathedral is in fact, from a symbolic point of view, **the tabernacle of the Being** .

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"Presentation of Jesus in the Temple"

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Sincerely yours

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